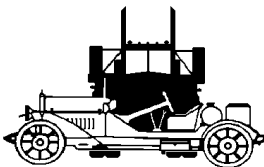


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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY 2003

FROM ALL MEMBERS OF

THE EXECUTIVE

# BRANCH REPORTS

## OTAGO

### **Kitset Model Expo 2002**

This was held over the weekend of October 5 & 6. Those who participated appeared to have enjoyed the event judging by the number who said they would like to return next year. We had over 100 entries into the competitions and almost 300 models on display which gave us a total of around 400 kitsets or scratchbuilt models.

As well as the above we had about 300 unbuilt kits from the 1960s and 1970s to add to the kits that were there. Another added feature was an extensive collection of old kitset catalogues and a selection of enlarged interesting catalogue pages.

All up the display looked good with a good variety of models and extras on display. It was good to see the models from Christchurch and Alexandra that were there as well as the locals. Models came from both club and non club members. It was also good to have the Canterbury Delegate John Skene and his wife Helen down from Christchurch for the weekend.

Many of those attending hope that it will be held again next year which does help in promoting the hobby of the kit builder and the scratch builder.

*Eric Brockie*

### **Model Vehicle Festival 2002**

The Model Vehicle Festival 2002 and display in Alexandra this year was good. Entries into the competitions were down a little but overall the display was up to the usual standard of the club. A special display by Dick Marquand saw a tremendous display of 1:18 scale Ferraris.

This was the 20<sup>th</sup> year that the competitions and display have been held in Alexandra on the same date as the Alexandra Blossom Festival. The event has always been held in Currie Motors on Centennial Ave, and we have always had great support from Bill Currie and his team. The staff empty the showroom out by 4.30 pm on the Friday and we take over for the weekend. There are other groups

who would love to use the venue but Bill has always kept the venue for our organisation.

Next year being the 21<sup>st</sup> year that we will be in Alexandra will see Bill Currie present as a guest speaker at our dinner on the Saturday evening. Knowing Bill as I do I am sure the talk will be very interesting.

*Eric Brockie*

SOUTHLAND

#### **New Committee**

Chairman & Delegate: Paul Thompson

Secretary, Editor & Displays Organiser: Stephen Kelly

Treasurer: Fred Hawkes

Members: Owen Dickson, Russell Corbett, John McGregor & Roger Larson.

#### **The Great Little Train Show**

Our branch was invited to mount a display at the 2002 Great Little Train Show held on October 26 & 27. We set up our display on Friday night with a few models being added Saturday morning to fill the gaps.

Our display was spread over two large tables to which we added some wooden boxes and a couple of boards, which gave a two tiered effect. The total number of models displayed over the two days was 353, from the collections of Paul Thompson, Allan Graves, Fred Hawkes & Stephen Kelly. We also had some models on loan from Paul Connell and Mervyn Kelly, which set the display off nicely.

I would like to thank Paul, Allan & Fred for helping to mount an impressive Display and manning the stand both days. Thanks also to Joy Thompson and Carolyn Gas-kin for helping man the display.

During the course of the weekend our branch managed to sign up six new prospective members, 5 of them being juniors. All these people expressed a firm interest in joining our club and swelling the ranks of Southland Branch. (*A great 'catch' Ed*)

Above all an enjoyable weekend was had by all and we look forward to our next major display, Models and Miniatures at Riverton next year.

*Stephen Kelly*

# MODELLING WITH MAU-

## QUICKBUILD DIORAMAS

A diorama can add an interesting angle to displaying a static model. I've been fortunate lately to acquire several ideally shaped cardboard boxes used for displaying cosmetic items. Readymade by the fact they incorporate a back wall, floor and two triangular sides tapering down towards the front edge. With a little work in the form of hiding the advertised item details I had a suitable display diorama.

For the floor I cut a neat fitting piece of plastic foam board. Walls were lined with white cardboard held in place with double sided adhesive tape. From there one can design the diorama of their dreams.

Recycle, a word which appears anywhere nowadays and has always been used in the modelling world. The modelling fraternity would be one of the most innovative groups for sussing out suitable items to super detail their models and dioramas.

My latest hint concerns utilizing window louvers as shelf supports. Previously I had used either wood or light aluminium angle. However louvers are ideal as they are correct length and need only be removed from their frames, two holes drilled in each to enable them to be attached to the case ends and that's it! The particular case I made up to hold 12 models. Six per side, a centre partition separates them. The louvers enable the two top shelves per side to slide out. On each shelf, using a scale model, one marks approximately where four small curtain or cup hooks will screw into the shelf. Four per model. This enables flexible pipe cleaners to hold the models in place while being transported to model displays.

Any style of doors can be used whether it be sliding, hinged or simply screwed on. I used the latter due to the time factor involved at the time of construction. A suitcase handle screwed to the top finished it off.

One more modelling tool worth mentioning – a roller for making corrugations in cardboard or light metal. Available at The Warehouse it's priced at \$9.95. Perfect for constructing fences.

Otago Branch Kitset Expo went well where I displayed a large diorama based on

a segment of a NASCAR race track, featuring eleven cars on a banked road surface. Also a working diorama featuring two monster trucks with plastic kit bodies. Photos to follow.

Happy Modelling  
*Maurice Boyles*



*Possibly beating Maurice to the gun here. I received the above photo as part of Eric's report on Otago Branch's Kitset Expo. It shows Maurice's two Monster Trucks and their victims. The victims have an ingenious way to make them 'whole' again but I will leave that to Maurice to explain. Ed.*

## **APOLOGY**

My apologies to all members for both the lateness and brevity of this issue of Miniature Auto. No excuses other than things just got away from me this month.

*Lee Tracey*



# THAT'S NEW? THAT'S NEWS!

## **LANSDOWNE** Metal Readybuilt 1:43 UK 2003 Planned Releases

1970 Hillman Avenger Deluxe 4 dr                      1952 Morris Minor Series 2 2 dr  
1971 Vauxhall Cresta (special for Vauxhall 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
1949 Triumph 2000 Roadster

## **ROBEDDIE** Metal Readybuilt 1:43 UK 2003 Planned Releases

1970 Volvo 164    1980 Saab 99 Turbo  
1953 Volvo Phillip Prototype

## **BROOKLIN** Metal Readybuilt 1:43 UK 2003 Planned Releases

1955 Dodge Coronet 4 dr                              1939 La Salle 2 dr  
1956 Lincoln Premier 2 dr HT                      1936 Terraplane Custom 6-62 4 dr  
1956 Plymouth Plaza 2 dr                            1959 Ford Thunderbird Convertible  
1954 Kaiser Darrin (new colour)                1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan (New Colour)  
'56 Plymouth Fury Pikes Peak (Fac. Spl)      1919 White Flat bed Truck & Trailer (Fact Spl)

## **BROOKLIN International Police Vehicles** Metal Readybuilt 1:43 UK 2003 New Range. Based on Brooklin & Lansdowne castings but not part of either range.

1961 Austin A110 Westminster Hampshire & I.O.W. liveries  
1956 Ford Mainline Indiana S.P.                1952 Singer SM 1500 Kent County  
1972 Vauxhall Ventora Huddersfield            1956 MG Magnette 2A Essex  
1954 Kaiser Manhattan Ohio H.P.              1966 Humber Super Snipe Estate Kent  
1953 Austin A40 Somerset Surrey              1949 Ford Pilot V8 Cornwall County

## **CORGI** Diecast 1:50 UK 1<sup>st</sup> Half 2003 N= New Tooling

CC10103 Foden FC 8wh P/f Sheeted(2)      CC11507 AEC Mk V 8wh P/f Container (1)  
CC11508 AEC Mk V P/f lorry 'Smiles' (4)      CC11609 Leyland Octopus & D/bar Trailer (3)  
CC12008 MAN B/Tip. B.J. Waters (2)          CC12106 Renault Premium B/Tip. (4)  
CC12212 Scania 4 Ser. B/Tip. Malcolms      CC12213 Scania 4 Series C/S Westfield (2)  
CC12214 Scania 4 Ser. Tractor Thomas      CC12215 Scania 4 Series Fridge (2)  
CC12305 Scammell Contractor X2, Girder      Trailer, Bogies & Sheeted Load Stobart (1)  
CC12416 Scania FH C/S Jefferies & Son      CC12417 Volvo FH Tractor Wishart & Son(4)  
CC12509 At'son Borderer F/B Steel Load      CC12609 Scammell Crusader M. Young (3)  
CC12807 Scania T Cab Feldbinder Tank      CC12907 Scania T/L C/S Currans (1)  
CC12908 Scania T/L Fridge L.E. Jones      CC12910 Scania T/L C/S HJ van Bentum (4)  
CC12909 Scania T/L Tractor Unit, single & double Jeep Dolly Cadzow (3)  
CC13004 Dennis F15 R/Pump Leics. (1)      CC13005 Dennis F12 S/Pump Coventry(5)  
CC13101 Volvo F88 Box Trail. Stobart N      CC13102 Volvo F88 Log Trailer Wm. Nicol (2)  
CC13201 DAF S/Space Cab Stobart (4)N      CC13202 DAF Super Space Cab J. Long (5)  
CC13204 DAF XF S/Cab C/S de Rijke (5)      CC13205 DAF S/ Cab Fridge Niewe Tange(6)  
CC13203 DAF Super Space Cab King Trailer, Locomotive Load Allelys (6)  
CC55106 Diamond T Wrecker Glam. Fire (3)      CC7701 L/Rover Defender S/W Civilian

(3)

CC7702 L/ Rover 110 Th. Valley Police (4)N      CC7703 L/Rover 110 Defender S/W AA (5)  
CC7704 Land Rover Mountain Range Light 4WD Pump South Glamorgan Fire Service (6)  
CC6303 Daimler Ambulance Nott CC (2)  
CC99125 Gibbs of Fraserborough Commemorative set (1)

**ORIGINAL OMNIBUS CO** Diecast 1:76 UK 1<sup>st</sup> Half 2003 N= New Tooling

OM40402 AEC Regent/Weyman Brighton      OM40505 Feltham Tram London Utd. Trams (1)  
OM40806 Bristol Lodekka FS Mac Tours      OM40807 Bristol Lodekka FS O/Top S/down  
OM41005 AEC 4Q4 S/Deck LT Greenline      OM41101 AEC Regent V/E. Lancs. St Helens N  
OM41102 Daimler CVG6/E. Lancs.      OM41103 Leyland PD3A/E. Lanc. Accrington N  
OM41006 AEC 4Q4 S/Deck Malta (3)      OM41907 Leyland PD3 Q. Mary Southdown (1)  
OM42408 Leyland Leopard Southdown      OM43506 Blackpool Balloon Tram Blackpool (5)  
OM43704 BUT 9641T Trolley B/mouth(5)      OM44006 Brush Railcoach B/pool Royal Mail(3)  
OM44007 R/coach B/pool Brannigans      OM44102 Optare Solo S/coach N/West (2)  
OM45113 MCW Metrobus Mk2 Wolves      OM45307 Bova Futura 'The Kings Ferry' (5)  
OM45506 BMMO CM5 Midland Red (1)      OM45607 BMMO D9 Open Top LT (6)  
OM45709 AEC Q Double Deck Bolton (2)

**IXO** Diecast 1:43 China November – January releases

RAC012 Ford Escort RS1800 2<sup>nd</sup> MC79      RAC016 MG Metro 6R4 'Belga'  
RAC017 Peugeot 205T16 Vatanen MC85      CLB005 Yamaha TZ250L Sarron WC84  
CLB006 MV Agusta 500 Agostini WC67      RAB023 Derbi 121 Ui '01  
RAB028 Honda NSR500 Alex MotoGP02      RAB02 Honda NSR500 Loris MotoGP02  
RAB033 Yamaha YZR-M1 Biaggi GP02      RAB033 Yamaha YZR-M1 Checa M/GP02  
RAB033 Yamaha YZR-M1 Jacque GP02      RAB033 Yamaha YZR-M1 Nakano M/GP02  
CLC023 '47 Renault 4CV Ivory      CLC024 '88 Lambo. Countach 5000QV  
CLC025 '78 Lambo Countach W. Wolf      LMC025 Ford GT40 1<sup>st</sup> LM68  
LMC026 Ford GT40 #10 LM68      LMC027 Ford GT40 1<sup>st</sup> LM69  
LMC029Jag. D Type LM55 'Cunningham'      LMC030 Peugeot 905 1<sup>st</sup> LM92  
LMC031 Toyota TS010 'Casio' 2<sup>nd</sup> LM92      LMC032 Toyota TS010 'Toms' LM92  
LMC033 Toyota TS010 'Zent' LM92      LMC034 Nissan R390GT1 'Calsonic' 3<sup>rd</sup> LM98  
LMC038 Peugeot 905 3<sup>rd</sup> LM92      LMC039 Peugeot 905 #31 LM92  
GTM008 VW New Beetle Cup winner'01      GTM010 VW New Beetle Cup 'HP' 02  
GTM 031 Saleen S7R #60 LM01      GTM 032 Saleen S7R #61 LM01  
GTM 033 Saleen S7R #62 LM01      GTM039 Viper GTS-R #50 LM02  
GTM040 Viper GTS-R #51 LM02      MOC VW New Beetle '53'  
MOC016 Mitsi. Lancer EVO7 Ralliart      MOC018 Aston Martin Vanquish Silver  
MOC019 Aston Martin Vanquish BRG      MOC023 '02 New Beetle 'Speed Light'  
MOC025 Citroen Saxo S1600      RAM063 Megane Schlesser 1<sup>st</sup> P-D99  
RAM086 Ford Focus WRC 1<sup>st</sup> Acr02      RAM087 Ford Focus WRC 1<sup>st</sup> Safari 02  
RAM088 Peugeot 206WRC 1<sup>st</sup> Fin02      RAM089 Ford Focus WRC 'RS' Acr02  
RAM090 Citroen Xsara WRC 1<sup>st</sup> Ger02      RAM091 Peugeot 206WRC 1<sup>st</sup> SR02  
RAM092 Peugeot 206WRC 1<sup>st</sup> NZ02      RAM088 Peugeot 206WRC Rossi GB02

**LLEDO Diecast 1:43 UK 1<sup>st</sup> half 2003**

VA8602 Jaguar XJ6 4.2 Series 1 Towing Horse Box (5)  
VA3807 Vauxhall Victor Gold Plated for Vauxhall Centenary (6)  
VA8600 Jaguar XJ6 4.2 Series 1 Red N VA8500 Wolseley Six Cosmic Blue Met. (1) N  
New colours for most other castings in Saloons & Sports ranges.  
New Range 'Boy Racers'  
VA0123 Anglia Racing Version Flames(5) VA6614 Transit Mk1 Red/White/Blue  
VA4108 Ford Cortina Mk2 Met. Purple  
VA8501 Wolseley 1800 London Police (3) VA6708 Triumph Spitfire Cheshire Constab. (1)  
VA6805 Hillman Minx Somerset County VA8601 Jaguar XJ6 4.2 S1 Th. Valley Police (5)  
VA5207 Granada Mk1 3.0S Essex (2) VA5507 Consul Glasgow Div. Response Car (6)  
VA6615 Transit Mk1 & Box Trailer Glasgow Dog Unit (4)

**REVELL MONOGRAM Plastic Kits 1:24/1:25 USA November Releases**

2394 VW Golf GTI Tuner Series 2n1 2161 Chevy Monte Carlo #3 Oreos NASCAR

**REVELL MONOGRAM Diecast 1:64 USA November Releases**

3388 '29 Model A Roadster Rat Rod 3389 '25 Model T Roadster Rat Rod  
3390 '29 Model A Tub Rat Rod

**VITESSE Diecast 1:43 China 2003 Releases**

As well as the delayed 2002 releases the following are announced for 2003

V20700 DB7 Vantage Volante Open BRG V20701 DB7 Vantage Volante Blue  
V20750 Aston Martin Vanquish V27550 Caterham 7 aluminium & yellow  
V27600 Lotus Elise Gunmetal/ Red roof V27750 Lotus Elan Norfolk Yellow open  
V29101 MGTC Open Shires green V29251 Morgan 4/4 silver/black  
V35450 Triumph TR3 white Open V28602 Mercedes 600 Pullman Dk Blue  
V28700 Mercedes 220 SE Maroon V29050 Messerschmitt KR200 Kabinroller  
V30000 Opel GT Red V30200 Opel Kadett Rally Red/Black  
V35750 49 VW Cabriolet Red/Black V20050 Alfa Romeo 1750 Spider Veloce  
V24501 Fiat 500 Lime Green Open V24610 Fiat 124 Spider Black  
V27100 Lancia 037 Stradale Red V21150 Austin Mini Moke Met. Green  
V25075 Daimler 2.5 V8 White V29400 Morris 1300 GT Red/Black  
V36000 Wolseley Hornet Mk3 2 tone V27500 Lotus Super 7 BRG  
V27650 Lotus Elise Norfolk Mustard V27700 Lotus Elan Coupe Red/White  
V27800 Lotus 49 Jim Clark V27850 '72 Lotus 72D Fittipaldi



Above: Exoto new 1:12 scale Ford GT40 Diorama featuring 1966 Le Mans winning car of McLaren/Amon



Left: OM44006 Blackpool Tram in Royal Mail livery



Below: 13102 Volvo Log Trailer in William Nicols Livery